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After the title, insert -- This is a Continuation of Patent Application serial number 09/989,802, filing date 11/20/01, which is a Continuation In Part of Patent Application 09/358,983, filing date 7/22/99, Improved Sidewall Coverage For Copper Damascene Filling, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

REMARKS

A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this Continuation Patent Application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen B. Ackerman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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